

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**1-12. (Cancelled)**

**13. (Original)** A method of promoting extension of corneal nerve axon, which comprises administering an effective amount of a somatostatin receptor agonist to a case in need of the promotion of extension of the corneal nerve axon.

**14. (Original)** A method of recovering corneal sensitivity, which comprises administering an effective amount of a somatostatin receptor agonist to a case in need of the recovery of corneal sensitivity.

**15. (Original)** A method of treating dry eye, which comprises administering an effective amount of a somatostatin receptor agonist to a case affected with dry eye.

**16. (Original)** A method of treating corneal epithelium defect, which comprises administering an effective amount of a somatostatin receptor agonist to a case having corneal epithelial defect.